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A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

May it Bring Naught of Sorrow and a Boundless Wealth of Happiness.

Unlimited Measure of Prosperity and the Blessings That Should Come to Mankind.

This is 1918—and the beginning of a new year—and a new era. That it is the beginning of a new era in the history of the people of the United States, there can be no doubt—the evidence is before us.

That the United States will enjoy a more than ordinary share of prosperity which will be ushered in by the new year is beyond question.

That the people of the United States are blessed above all of the peoples of all other great nations is a self-established fact.

That we of the United States are free from war, from pestilence, and from internal disturbance, is a fact that should bear great weight with all—and they should appreciate it.

While all of the other great powers of the world are tearing at the throats of each other and raze, desolation, privation, starvation and death stalk in their hideous shapes before the other peoples, we are at peace—are happy—and share the bounty of a great prosperity.

To each and every patron—to each and every friend—to each and every person in his sphere—this extends his felicitations and the hope for a year of unexampled prosperity and happiness.

PLENTY OF LAWYERS.

The Profession to Be Well Represented in the Legislature.

The Missouri legislature meets Monday and Tuesday of State House has completed its roster which shows that sixteen members of the Senate and thirty-eight of the House are lawmen.

Politically the Senate stands Democratic, 24; Republicans, 8. Three of the new senators, Frank Harris of the Tenth district, Elwin L. Moore of the Twentieth and Col. W. H. Phelps of the Twenty-eighth district were members of the house of the Forty-seventh general assembly.

Two of the new senators, John P. Morton of the Eighth district, and Peter Anderson of the Thirty-fourth district, served in the senate several years ago.

Of the thirty-four members of the senate, 14 are lawyers. As are farmers, two are physicians, one is a druggist, one an editor, one a jeweler, one a real estate agent, one a contractor, and one a banker.

In the house more than one-third of the 142 members served in the house of the last assembly so that body is well equipped.

The lawyers and farmers are tied in the house, there being 38 of each. Other avocations and professions are represented as follows: Real estate agents, nine; druggists, two; lumber dealers, two; merchants, five; preachers, two; clerks, three; bankers, two; editors, four; insurance agents, two; land agents, one; bakers, one; evangelists, one; contracting engineers, one; hotel proprietors, one; station agents, one; teachers, one; loan agents, one; salesmen, one; millers, one; veterinary surgeons, one; painters, one; locomotive engineers, one; stockmen, one; builders, one; plumbers, one; retired capitalists, one; printers, one.

Politically the house stands Democratic, 74; Republicans, 48; Progressives, 2. Party vote on joint ballot: Democrats, 102; Republicans, 73; Progressives, 1.

The lawyers, taking the assembly as a whole predominant, as they have a total of 64 out of the whole membership of 176, the farmers forming next with a total of 44 for the two houses.

THESE HAVE MONEY.

When He Was Put in Charge of the Joy Interests.

Nearly 12,000 Missourians Have Enough to Pay An Income Tax.

There are 11,314 men and women in Missouri who made returns, up to June 30, 1914, to the commissioner of internal revenue that they had an income exceeding \$1,000; therefore compelled to pay a federal income tax. They paid into the United States treasury \$10,775, of which \$442 was refunded, leaving \$10,333 to represent Missouri collections for the first year the act was in force.

There are 1,876 single men and 627 single women in the state who admitted that they have been spending money amounting to \$1,000 a year. There were 173 married women in the state who rendered separate returns that they had incomes exceeding \$4995 & year. In all returns were made by

ATTENTION: JOHN VAN BRENT.

Read This and Beat the Damage Suits Filed Against You.

To kill with the facts, and to kill with the law;

To kill with the counsel, who gets up to jaw;

To kill with the charge of the court.

Two views

That the jurymen got of those little red shoes.

What cared they for the facts—they're as dry as can be;

What cared they for the law—lawyers never agree;

What cared they for justice, which can never amuse?

All they observed were the little red shoes."

This is printed especially as a pointer to General Manager John H. Van Brunt of the street railway system, but its force might also apply to Judge O. M. Spencer of the Burlington, John Dulman of the Rock Island, Judge Calver of the Maple Leaf and the Grand Island, and the other railway attorneys located here, and also to the heads of all of the large corporations here who at every term of court are called upon to defend from court to court damage suits brought for the purpose of forcing corporations to pay or suffer great annoyance.

With this bit of poetry, relating to a case similar in point, as the last citation and the mainstay of his argument, W. J. Connel, attorney for the Pacific Street railway company, Thursday secured an order of dismissal in a \$10,000 damage suit before Judge Eadie after John O. Yeiser had obtained authority from a stack of law books a yard high.

Connel succeeded that the "little red shoes" were exempted in the final case by a binding spell that overtook the 19-year-old plaintiff, Helen Alger, in the presence of the jury last Thursday, and that since one of the jurors had abstained in the process of bringing her to the effect of the occurrence would be prejudiced to his client, the street railroad.

The "little red shoes," according to the explanation accompanying the poem in a Louisiana newspaper, were worn by the star witness. For the plaintiff in a damage claim against a southern traction company, by a charming young woman, the said young woman and the shoes being exposed—ail exposed—in a convenient manner to the uninterrupted gaze of the jurors. The plaintiff was given a victory.

Judge Eadie dismissed the jury and ordered the case up for retrial next Monday, when a new jury panel would be available. He declared that to allow the case to proceed would have been prejudicial to both sides under the circumstances.

If John Van Brunt and the corporation lawyers would pay attention to some of the occurrences here there would be less verdicts against them.

COULD DOWN THE BUNCH.

A Wet Who Voted Dry Against Twelve Dries Who Voted Wet.

There were many amusing incidents during the debate on the national prohibition question last week which spotlighted and frothy Hobson was trying to push through. Among others Representative Morrison of Indiana kept the house in an uproar of applause—with a speech supporting a substitute which he offered to the resolution.

"They'll tell you that everybody who opposes the Hobson resolution is a bad man and everyone who supports it is a good man," he said. "Do you believe it? There are thirteen in the Indiana delegation who will vote against this resolution and I am going to tell you one man who will support the Hobson resolution who drinks more liquor in twelve days than those thirteen men do in twelve years."

"We have issued an invitation to every person in Milwaukee who can't afford to pay for a dinner, to eat on us," said Tom Saxe, one of the Milwaukee restaurant owners. "Anybody can come into any of our restaurants, order what they want, eat it, and walk out without a word. It doesn't make any difference whether they're dressed in rags or wear an overcoat with a Persian lamb collar, and a silk hat. No questions will be asked of them. And they can eat as many times a day as they want to."

In addition to a string of restaurants and theaters in this city, Saxe Brothers own several in Minneapolis. Of course, this is a publicity scheme, but it's a darned good one.

COL. DAWES APPOINTED.

Always on away from home to get the news—the press—wherever and it outside but do not print it at home.

Just for instance—the Denver paper this week printed a big story telling how the reward of \$2,000 is offered for the location of Bert Lewis, the grandson of a "Mrs. Mary Lewis" of this city. Young Lewis is wanted to inherit "his estate." Every one now knows about it in St. Joseph—except Mr. who succeeds himself as auditor.

THIS WAS REAL CHARITY.

Even If There Was a Big Publicity Scheme Attached.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 24.—Milwaukee is invited to "conscience dinner" Christmas day. Every person in the city can eat early and often at any of the string of restaurants owned by the Saxe Brothers free of charge, and \$142 from \$15,000 to \$10,000 a year.

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